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Thanks

- .. Gina Murray for cleaning the canteen. Very much appreciated Gina.
- .. Mike Sinclair for work on the tyre swing.
- .. Those who supported our Zone Athletics Team.
- .. MTS Ltd for sponsoring the Band "Kiwi Rock Show" for the Wild West Showdown this Saturday.

People of the week

- .. Liam who won the Overall Singles Champion title at the Whangarei Interschool Tennis Tournament.
- .. Brad, Kobi, Tahi-Ora, Tokomauri, Brianna, Nicholas and Xavier who achieved third place (team event) in the recent Interschool BMX Challenge - an awesome achievement.
- .. Ayden for picking up all the rubbish after the Zone Athletics at Poroti on Tuesday.
- .. Daniel who won Champion Ayrshire Calf and a host of ribbons at this week's Group Calf Club Day. We will announce more calf club results next week.

Coming up this term

- 12-13 Nov. Whangarei Boys' High School testing (now at Matarau)
- 13 November BoT meeting
- 21 November Year 7 and 8 visit to Northland Polytechnic
- 27 November Year 7 and 8 Interschool Athletics (pp 29.11)
- 28 November Whangarei Girls' High School orientation
- 29 November Year 7 and 8 abseiling at Whangarei Falls
- 1 December Home Garden judging
- 4 December Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics
- 6 December** School team athletics day
- 11 December BoT meeting
- 12 December Reports sent home
- 13 December School Prize Giving
- 18 December Final day of school

Lunchtime Track and Field Competition (Years 4 to 8)

Track and field competitions start next week (slight delay) during lunchtimes weather permitting. Please encourage your children to participate in these events and ensure that they bring appropriate clothing with them each day. **If you are able to help out please give Kevin a call .. you can specify your day or your preferred track or field event(s).**

Celebrating Parents

Next week is our "Celebrating Parents Week". Thank you to those parents who have sent photographs of special family moments for us to use during this week. It isn't too late ... if you have a suitable photograph showing you spending quality time with your children (preferably electronic) please send it to school or to principal@matarau.school.nz.

School Cups

Please return school cups by 16 November for re-engraving. Please do not polish these - we will arrange this. Thanks!



School Contributions

Those who opted for term payment of school contributions and activity fees will have received a request for their final instalment. Please forward payment as soon as possible and don't hesitate to contact us with any questions or to discuss alternative payment arrangements. A small number of families also owe for activity or technology fees from earlier in the year and we are keen to receive these as soon as possible please.



Spelling Bee .. Underway VERY soon. Parents might like to encourage their children's involvement.

Kapa Haka

Thank you to those who have supported this programme over 2012. Due to the busyness of this time of year, and a number of other factors, we have decided to suspend this programme for the remainder of this year. A special thanks to Mrs Abbott and her team of regular parent helpers for the hard work this year.

Whangarei Boys' High Testing - 12 and 13.11

Please impress upon the boys the importance of these tests and ensure they are ready for a 9:00 AM on the dot start on each of these days.

Interschool Athletics - Year 7 and 8 - 27.11

Selection is determined by performance at the zone event held at Poroti School this week. Consents will be sent out next week. Any questions please to Mr D.

Information on the Year 5 and 6 Interschool Athletics (to be held 4.12) will be sent out some time week beginning 19.11.

Art Scholarships (Years 4 to 8)

Portfolios are due Monday 26 November 3:30 PM. If you would like to enter your child, and you have not received the background information, please contact their teacher or the school office. Please note that entry criteria were amended last year to allow 2 items from a previous year and one from an out of school activity (with some conditions). We hope to see a high level of interest in these scholarships with potential to win a trophy at prize giving and a cash prize for each of the two winning students. Mrs Robertson has kindly offered to assist with portfolios and to give advice to students.



Class Placements 2013

Teachers will soon be giving consideration to class placements for 2013. The final decisions must ultimately be made by the school but we can throw parent request / suggestions **of a general nature** into the mix (no guarantees). If there is something you would like us to consider please give Kevin a call or flick him an email on principal@matarau.school.nz.

Where a parental request is not met, that parent will be advised the reasons why in due course.

If your child(ren) will not be at Matarau school next year please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make these places available for other students.

Sunhats

These are compulsory in the summer terms and can be purchased from our school office for \$9.00 ... must be an approved school hat. Please help us to promote the sun-safe message. Northland has one of the highest levels of UV exposure in the world and exposure in childhood is known to be a significant contributing factor to skin cancers later in life.

We strongly suggest you name hats and maybe add something which clearly identifies this as your child's hat.

Year 7 and 8 Pubertal Change Programme

A reminder to show an interest in what your child is doing and ask to view their workbook periodically. Mr Delemare and Mrs Donaldson are more than happy to answer any questions you might have.

Year 7 and 8 Polytech Permission Slips

... please get these back to school next week. Most grateful for parent assistance with transport and supervision.

Home Garden Programme

This week children received a small potted silverbeet seedling to put in their garden courtesy of the school. Judges may take a special interest in seeing how this seedling is coming along when gardens are judged on 1 December. On 15 November we will meet to swap a seedling (or packet of seeds) and so if you can help your child to pot something for this day that would be great. Don't hesitate to give Kevin a call next week with any questions. If they could bring a plastic bag that would also be helpful.



Found - Longboard skateboard in school carpark last Tuesday morning as Y4 were going to camp. Held in Office.

International Student Homestays

We have had a couple of people indicate that they would be interested in hosting short stay international students in their homes. We have had very successful home stays this last term and would like to grow our "bank" of available homes for next year. Each student pays around \$180 per week. If interested please contact Donna Cates in the school office next week.

New Appointment

The Board is pleased to advise that Mrs Robertson has been appointed permanently to the position of Assistant Principal with special responsibility for the junior school. Mrs Robertson has been acting in this role since Mrs Bruce's departure and has done a superb job. I know that you will all join with us in congratulating Mrs Robertson on her appointment.

Final word

We love getting positive feedback from those who observe or work with our students. Recent comment from a sports facilitator read as follows .. "The students at your school are showing skills far above any other school I have worked with so far. It really is a credit to your school and teachers for all the work they do". .. and a credit to parents we would add.

Regards,
Kevin Trewhella
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Window on Kamo High School

This week K.H.S. staff visited contributing schools with the explicit intention of finding ways to better align year 8 (primary) and 9 (secondary) programmes. Full marks to K.H.S. for taking the initiative here!

Rugby Centre of Excellence for 2013 - an exciting new initiative at Kamo High School in 2013 aiming to raise the standard of school boy rugby in Northland. PE teacher, Brad Miller, a former representative rugby player for Northland, North Harbour and Waikato is establishing the Rugby Centre, and confirmed mentors to date include Super Rugby and Northland legends Justin Collins, David Holwell, and Hayden Taylor, NZ 7's / Chiefs and NPC player Nick Collins, and Northland stalwart Brad Taylor. The mentors will provide individual advice and feedback for their specialist positions and will be a major asset in the player's development.

Community Notices

For Sale - Budgies \$10.00 ea, lots of full yellow. Great Xmas present. Phone Kym 433-5701.

For Rent - Very tidy 2 bedroom house to rent. 18 Charles Street, Kamo. \$220pw; Call 435 3002 to view.

Northern Rabbit and Cavy Club - Christmas show on the 17th November 2012. All children and adults are welcome to enter their pet rabbits, guinea pigs, rats and mice. Entries close on the October 29th. Contact the club on 022 6310647 for more info.

Toolbox parenting groups in Northland - With the right tools anyone can be a great parent. Join a Toolbox parenting group and learn how to build a great family team. Toolbox groups are free of charge thanks to government funding. There are three courses you can choose from: The Early Years (0-6 years); The Middle Years (6-12); Tweens and Teens (12-18); If you would like more information about Toolbox parenting groups in Northland contact Debbie on 09 433 5040

Babysitter available- in the Ruatangata/Matarau area, \$7 per hour, please phone Anna Miller 094356474 or text 0210524279. (Note from the school office... Anna would be an awesome babysitter, very responsible and great with little ones!!)

TRAIL RIDE Sunday 11th November 2012 at Opuawhanga on Whananaki North Road, Registration from 8.30am onwards. First ride 10.00am Last ride 2.45pm. More info Hikurangi School 4338 545

Whakapara Country Garden Ramble – Sunday 18th November 8 gardens + art & crafts \$20. Contact Heather 4338987 or Anne 4339962. Tickets Palmers Gardenworld, Kamo Pet & Aquatic Shop, Whakapara BP 2Go, Sciadopitys Garden Centre. Proceeds to Project Promise.

For Sale: Lime, great for the garden, lawns and paddocks - \$5.00 for a 10kg bag. ½ the price of retail shops. Phone Helen or William on 433 5512 to arrange delivery or pickup. This is a fundraising effort for William to go with the Boys & Girls High combined team to represent Northland at the Get2Go OPC final on Great Barrier Island.

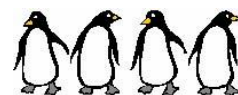
Diocesan School for Girls - Information Evening Reyburn House, Town Basin, Whangarei, Monday 19 November 2012 5:30pm – 7.00pm; Fionna Mills, Admissions Director, email fmills@diocesan.school.nz phone 09 5209225.

KAMO AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

Kamo High School Pool, Wilkinson Ave, Kamo. *New members wanted.*

Stroke improvement classes - Monday & Friday afternoons from 4.30pm

Swimmers must be reasonably confident in water and be able to swim 10m unaided.



For further enquiries contact Chris 433 5099 or Helen 433 5823 or Sharon 027 631 9361

KAMO TENNIS CLUB - Juniors Club Night – Thursdays - 3.30 to 5.30, Starting Thursday 1st November; Club Nights - Tuesdays starting at 5.30pm. All welcome- come along for some fun tennis. Ladies Mornings – Thursdays - 9am to 11.30. Bring a friend & enjoy the morning; Enquiries to Francie James on email at - snow.j@nettel.net.nz 5209225

Matarau School Badminton Club Every Monday after school (3.00pm - 4.30pm) in the school hall. Enjoy Ladder challenges, fundamental new skills & a chance to play regular badminton with your friends.\$5- per session or \$50- Term.

Come along to the hall on Monday after school to find out more. Contact Kaleb for more information or to book your place.kaleb@nzba.net.nz Ph-0212503965

NZ Badminton Academy – Opportunities to play, learn and train with NZ Badminton Academy. All levels welcome. Held at 41 Porowini Ave, Morningside, \$450 per term for members or \$50 per term for non members. For more info contact Kaleb Cookson 0212503965 or info@NZBA.net.nz.

Kamo Squash Club ... Did you know.... that children as young as 5 can start playing squash at Kamo? Small Nix' squash classes give children from 5-8 a chance to develop their fundamental skills, agility and movement through fun activities and games on a squash court. Classes are offered on the following Fridays: 2 November, 9 November, 16 November from 3.30 to 4.30pm. Cost \$5 per night, just need shoes.. Call Vanessa on 435 5011. Email fiandmoose@xtra.co.nz or phone 4370370.

A&P Summer Show - Entries are now open for the A&P Summer Show on Saturday 8th December 2012. All pet calf, lamb or goat entries received before 16 November receive a free ticket to the Show! Entry forms will be can be downloaded from www.summershow.co.nz. Gate admission for the Show is \$5.00 per person, with under 5 year olds free again this year.

Fundraising Reminders

STILL OUTSTANDING - Chocolates and or Chocolate money was due back at school last week. Please return any unsold chocolate and monies from sales on Monday next week. Thank you for your support.

Horse Trek ... Saturday 17th November. 3 hour loop, easy terrain and great views. 3 mins from Matarau School. Registrations to school office by 14th November. More information from Alina 4338998.

Horse Trek... Wanted to Borrow Gas ring or similar for Matarau School Pony Trek on November 17th. If you can help please phone Kym 433-5701.

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Wild West Showdown Aka the Matarau School Ball 2012

Meet the Sheriff at Sundown 10th Nov 2012



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The Saloon opens 7.30pm Music: The Kiwi Rock
Band

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	Ruatangata Garage	7.20pm
	Arrive at School	7.30pm
Return Time	Leave school	12.30am

Please Note: An yone wanting to travel by bus is required to book by the 5th November on
martinfamily70@vodafone.co.nz or 4353002.

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